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Aman Honored by Mental Health Group



*South Windsor Legislator Recognized for Work
On Behalf of DMHAS Clients*

HARTFORD – The North Central Regional Mental Health Board recently bestowed an award on State Representative Bill Aman (R-South Windsor.) At their Annual Dinner, held on June 28th the award was presented to Representative Aman, who was recognized for his legislative efforts on a number of issues effecting individuals with mental health needs.

In particular, Representative Aman worked for the successful passage of a measure in the 2005 session that included consumers of Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) in a local zoning override that had previously included consumers of other state services, and was critical in providing people with mental illnesses access to housing.

“We wanted to thank Rep Aman because he responded to a need to provide people with mental illness who are DMAHS clients with access to housing,” said Sheryl Breetz, Executive Director of the North Central Regional Mental Health Board. “Lack of housing is a number one impediment to people with mental illness. There is documented evidence of the improvements clients make when they have stable housing. It’s an essential piece to mental health recovery. Rep. Aman followed his beliefs that people with disabilities need access to housing in their own communities. We were all moved about how powerfully and forcefully he spoke on his beliefs.”

“I am deeply honored to be recognized by the North Central Regional Mental Health Board for my work these past two year,” said Representative Aman. “The state certainly has a significant responsibility to meet the needs and protect the interests of individuals with mental health needs. During my time in the legislature I have strived to see that there was parity in service for DMHAS clients, and I will continue to work to protect their interests.”